



Curriculum Enrichment Projects

Summer and Autumn 2011

Project-based Work across All of our Sites, with Outreach and Training

This summer and autumn, Birmingham Museums and Art Gallery is offering a special range of new projects and CPD workshops designed to address a wide range of areas across the curriculum and complement our existing programmes.

Delivered by a team of experienced staff and artists across our sites, projects can include briefing and training sessions, follow-up classroom sessions and special resources offered on a flexible basis. Prices vary according to the services chosen and the way in which the project is arranged.

To discuss the projects in more detail or to make a booking, please call Lorna Harris on 0121 675 4443 or email us at SchoolsBookingsBMAG@birmingham.gov.uk. For details of all of our services and resources please go to schoolsliaison.org.uk

Forthcoming Projects based at Blakesley Hall

All the World's a Stage

Pupils act as a company of Tudor players and their families who call at Blakesley hoping for a place to stay overnight and offer to help out with any work that needs to be done and to entertain the mistress of the house. With preparatory session in school - pupils research the period and prepare a certificate of health.

For KS2. Project includes preview session, core workshop and special

pack. £400 (£275 Birmingham LEA) for two sessions.

Blakesley Wassail

Schools celebrate a Tudor Christmas and wassail a tree, drag in the Yule log, and perform a special entertainment with carols and dances for the ladies. With preview session and pack.

For KS2. £400 (£275 Birmingham LEA) for two sessions.

Forthcoming Projects based at Blakesley Hall and BM&AG

Shakespeare in Art

Students investigate the visual interpretation of Shakespeare's words in the galleries at BM&AG followed by Art and Drama at the Tudor site of Blakesley Hall.

For KS3 and 4. Optional preview session with teachers, workshops at two of our sites and special pack. £700 (£500 Birmingham LEA) per class for three sessions.



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Staffordshire Hoard

Pupils explore the history and background to the Staffordshire Hoard and take part in a range of Art activities based on designs and craftsmanship.

For KS2. Project includes half day workshop at BM&AG followed by art-linked outreach session. £400 (£275 Birmingham LEA) per class for two sessions.

Ancient Egyptian funeral

Pupils create a coffin and decorate a sarcophagus using inspiration from the galleries. In the afternoon, they take part in a ceremony by wrapping the mummy, choosing amulets and shabtis and performing an Egyptian funeral.

For KS2. £400 (£275 Birmingham LEA) per class for two sessions.

Every pot tells a story

The project consists of two sessions. In the first, pupils explore pots in the museum and the myths associated

with those pots. In the second session, either at the museum or in school, pupils design and create their own pot-silhouette based on the stories they have heard.

For KS2. £400 (£275 Birmingham LEA) per class for two sessions.

Make a Museum in your School

The project begins with a consultation meeting to discuss the bespoke requirements of your school. We can identify the time period you wish to concentrate on, the timing and length of the project and the curriculum outcomes required.

Pupils then visit BM&AG to discover its history, the reasons why we collect artefacts from



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the past, the range of job roles at the museum and where artefacts come from. The programme then continues with an outreach session (or sessions) at which the museum is assembled at the school. Participating schools may also hold their own museum / open day.

For KS1 - 3. £700 (£500 Birmingham LEA) per class for three sessions.

Style Africa Workshops

Special day-long workshops to supplement the forthcoming 'Style Africa' exhibition. Sessions linked to Geography, History, Maths, Literacy/storytelling. Dates on request. Choose from the following:

Maths, Pattern and African Textiles

For KS2/3/4. £400 (£275 Birmingham LEA) per class per day.

Wax-resist and Watercolour Design

For KS2/3/4. £400 (£275 Birmingham LEA) per class per day.



Exploring Batik Techniques

For KS3/4. £400 (£275 Birmingham LEA) per class per day.

Costume Study Days

Learn about the evolution of style, design and textile technology through special sessions exploring the BM&AG Learning Department's extensive study collection of period clothes from early C19th - late C20th. Drawing materials provided.

For KS3-5. £400 (£275 Birmingham LEA) per class for full day (£200 half-day).

Forthcoming Projects based at Aston Hall

Whodunnit?

Pupils investigate the real-life 17th century murder of the cook at Aston Hall. This two part cross-curricular project incorporates History, Geography and Literacy.

For KS1 - 2 £400 (£275 Birmingham LEA) per class for two sessions.

Local History

Using the Astonish gallery, pupils explore how the Aston area has grown and changed and develop investigative tools to use with archives.

For KS1 - 2 £400 (£275 Birmingham LEA) per class for two sessions.

Celebrating the Diamond Jubilee: The Queen Meets her Ancestors

In spring 2011, bring your KS2 class to Aston Hall to enjoy a rich pageant, and improve their understanding of chronology. The children will dress and parade as monarchs from William I to Elizabeth II. The session involves Literacy, Numeracy, Drama and Music and provides regal pegs on which to hang future History work. £400 (£275 Birmingham LEA) for two sessions.

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Learning Department

Resources and Teacher's Sessions

Aston Hall Teachers' Pack

Printed resources to help children sequence historical events and develop their historical skills. £15 per pack

Testing Times

An engaging e-learning resource to develop children's understanding of chronology and numerical skills. £15 per pack

CPD Sessions at BM&AG

Classical Culture Trail

Thursday October 6. 1.30 - 3.45

The gallery trail explores paintings and artefacts inspired by classical culture, myth and legend. The session is designed



to supplement and enhance visits involving a Greek handling session. £50 for half-day course

Exploring Portraiture

Thursday November 10. 1.30 - 3.45

Looks at the role and functions of portraiture from the Renaissance to the present day. Includes suggestions for practical work and further exploration of portraits in the classroom. £50 for half-day.

Teachers' Forum. 20th June, 4 - 6pm. Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery

Birmingham Museums and Art Gallery is inviting teachers to share their views and ideas about how the service can be developed at meetings of our new Teacher's Forum. The meeting will include a behind the scenes tour of the Learning Zone, a closer look at the different sessions the museum provides for formal learning, and an opportunity to handle some original artefacts from our loans collection. We will also open up a discussion about our current offer and how we can develop our services to you and your students. Everyone attending will receive two free tickets to the 'Home of Metal' exhibition which explores the regional contribution to the metal music scene.

Interested? For further information or if you would like to make a booking for any of these projects, workshops and resources or for the Teachers' Forum, please call Lorna Harris on 0121 675 4443 or email SchoolsBookingsBMAG@birmingham.gov.uk. Birmingham Museums and Art Gallery includes Aston Hall, Blakesley Hall, Sarehole Mill, Weoley Castle, Soho House and MJQ as well as the central Museum and Art Gallery.